

## *Hall of Justice Volunteers Bring the Law to Life*

How does the judicial branch of government affect the everyday lives of Michigan citizens? If you have an hour, volunteers at the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center can tell you.

Ten volunteers completed an orientation program that prepared them to guide tours and to assist groups that visit the award-winning gallery.

The Learning Center, which is located on first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing, is designed to introduce school children and adults to the Michigan court system and a variety of law related topics.

Visitors—a majority of whom are students—come away with a better understanding of the judicial branch of government. “I’ve had a life-long interest in government and politics,” says Veronica Drenovsky of Durand, who finished volunteer orientation. “I’m looking forward to giving my first tour and to helping others know more about the court system.”

Another new volunteer, Beverly Zetterholm of Perry, is also excited about her role. “I felt I could learn a lot about the court system and pass it on to children. They will have exposure to it more than they expect.”

“Volunteers make our tour program possible,” says Learning Center Coordinator Rachael L. Drenovsky. “These talented people serve thousands of visitors per year.”

To schedule a tour or become a volunteer, persons may call (517) 373-7229 or (517) 373-5027.

For more information about the Learning Center, visit <http://courts.mi.gov/plc/>.



MARY ALLEN-MOORE of Lansing (left) explains a Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center exhibit to fellow volunteers.

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### **Fast Facts**

- Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday–Friday. Closed on state holidays.
- Location: First floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street (corner of Allegan Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard).
- Cost: Admission is free.
- Parking: East of the Michigan Hall of Justice; buses park in the Michigan Historical Center bus parking lot on Butler Street.
- Group tours: For reservations, persons may call (517) 373-7229.
- Volunteers: Needed as tour guides and for special projects; persons may call (517) 373-5027.
- Online: <http://courts.mi.gov/plc/>.